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NIA conducts raids in J&K in ‘drone delivery’ case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday conducted searches at multiple locations including the Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with a drone-delivery-case.

According to the NIA, no detentions in the matter have been made so far, reported a national news agency ANI quoting officials.

In the past nine months, security forces have observed the illegal entry of 191 drones into Indian territory from neighbouring Pakistan, raising major concerns in terms of internal security in the country.

The central government recently shared the input from the security forces deployed at the India-Pakistan border to maintain such illegal attempts from the Pakistan side.

In the early hours on Friday, troops of the Border Security Force (BSF) shot



down a drone that entered India in Punjab's Gurdaspur sector from the Pakistan side on the International Border.

It is pertinent to mention that in the past nine months the army personnel have observed 191 drones, of which 171 entered into Indian territory through the India-Pakistan border along the Punjab sector while 20 were seen in the Jammu sector, a document accessed by the ANI mentioned.

As per the document, the "UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) observation in Indo-

Pak border was seen in Punjab and Jammu frontier with effect from January 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022".

The document further revealed that most of these drones or UAVs managed to flee while a total of seven have been shot down by the Border Security Force (BSF) personnel, who have been deployed along the India-Pakistan border to keep a tab on such illegal activities being orchestrated by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence.

Officials in the BSF told ANI that the drones are being used by Pakistan's side to transport weapons, explosives and narcotics across the international border in Jammu and Punjab from Pakistan.

The increased drone activity across the border was brought to the notice of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the security review meeting in Srinagar recently with top security and intelligence chiefs in attendance. While BSF, which means the international border with Pakistan in the Jammu sector, believes that it has been able to repel drones carrying arms, ammunition and explosives from Pakistan, the state police and the intelligence agencies differ with this assessment.

The security forces have seized various AK series assault rifles, pistols, MP4 carbines, carbine magazines, high explosive grenades

20 pc ethanol-blended petrol may be available from Dec or Jan: Puri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAIPUR: Twenty per cent ethanol-blended petrol is likely to be available in the country from December or January, ahead of the April 2023 target, Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Friday.

"We are constantly reviewing the ethanol production and I believe, 20 per cent blended fuel would come in the market in December or January ahead of April 2023 (target)," he told reporters here.

Citing the example of Brazil where flex-fuel vehicles are available and the consumer can take ethanol or petrol as per choice, he said that this will be the ultimate goal of the government.

However, to reach that stage, certain technical aspects are there and work is going on. "We are going to hold a major meeting with automobile manufacturers on ethanol blending," he said. India has advanced the target date for achieving

SIA files chargesheet against Journalist, Scholar In ‘Narrative Terrorism’ Case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday filed a chargesheet against a digital magazine editor and a PhD scholar in a "narrative militancy" case here.

Accused Peerzaada Fahad Shah, editor of monthly online magazine 'Kashmirwalla' and a resident of Srinagar, and Aala Fazili of Budgam have been booked under the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the SIA said in a statement here.

While Shah was arrested on February 5 for "glorifying militancy, spreading fake news, and inciting the public against law and order", Fazili, a PhD scholar at the University of Kashmir, was arrested on April 17 for his "highly provocative and seditious"

article in the online magazine.

"The case relates to narrative militancy wherein as part of a criminal conspiracy to spread militancy and create a false narrative, accused Fazili, by his highly provocative and seditious write-up, intended to create unrest, and aid and abet the gullible youth to take the path of violence," the SIA said in the statement.

It said the article was found to be "against national integration and supported the claim of secession of a part of the country's territory, challenged sovereignty and territorial integrity, glorified violence, and advocated and abetted commission of militant acts".

The SIA alleged that Shah intentionally conspired with Fazili and published the article, and this led to an increase in

militancy and unlawful activities across Jammu and Kashmir.

Calling the duo "contaminated and compromised media persons", the SIA said their end objective was to "create, sustain, and spread disaffection, hatred and enmity against the Indian State".

"Their interim objective was to preserve Pakistani influence by manipulating and playing with facts, subtly or brazenly, by putting information without context or out of context or selective reporting or selective exaggeration or underplaying or muting others and by craftily and cunningly invoking the legal rights to press freedom and political dissent guaranteed by the very Indian State which they wanted to undermine," the statement read.

7,500 intoxicating capsules seized at Srinagar Airport by DCO

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: On receiving authentic inputs that anti-social elements responsible for drug menace in the Valley are exploring alternate modes of supply, are now resorting to air lifting of such intoxicating drugs, a team of Drug Control Officers of Srinagar and Budgam constituted by the Deputy Drug Controller Kashmir, Nighat Jabeen on Friday conducted surprise raid at Airport cargo logistic space of the airport authority of Srinagar, Kashmir.

On the occasion, the team seized 7500 capsules of Spasmo-Proxyvon with

batch no's XX10160, WAA2015 and XX10172 manufactured by WACK-HARDT limited, plot no 87A, silver industrial estate Bhippora Nani Deman-396210 in presence of Manager of Airport Cargo logistic space.

The particulars of consignee and consigner mentioned on the consignment are Interio Healthcare Pvt Ltd, Navjeevan medicos, 50KH, NO 139, Gali no. 04 New Sarie New Delhi and Bilal Ahmad Bhat respectively.

Spasmo-Proxyvon is a schedule H1 drug which

Union Minister takes stock of healthcare facilities in Reasi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As part of a public outreach programme, Union Minister of state for health Bharati Pravin Pawar on Friday took stock of healthcare facilities in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pawar said the government is committed to develop Jammu and Kashmir and numerous innovative steps are being initiated in this regard which are yielding tangible results.

Bharati inspected district hospital Reasi and stressed on institutional deliveries and Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme benefits for the common masses.

During the inspection,



Union Minister Bharati Pravin Pawar interacting with a patient at Reasi hospital.

Director Health, Saleem-ul-Rehman gave a detailed powerpoint presentation of various facilities available at district hospital and other health institutions of the district, an official spokesman

said.

He said the minister was briefed about the health indicators, details of the OPDs, IPDs, status of the major operations conducted, details of the benefits provided

under Ayushman Bharat and status of oxygen generation plants in the district.

The minister also inspected the blood bank, new emergency room, ICU, CT Scan, Dialysis Centre and Audiometry Room and interacted with staff members and patients, the spokesman said.

After the inspection, the minister also inaugurated an exhibition of the General Zorawar Singh Memorial Trust at the district auditorium complex.

The Minister also inspected various stalls setup by different departments related to the schemes and services

DCs asked to formulate comprehensive winter preparedness plans in Jammu province



Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar reviewing winter preparedness of districts.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A senior government official on Friday asked the deputy commissioners to formulate a comprehensive plan to tackle diverse chal-

lenges as he reviewed the winter preparedness in snow-bound areas of Jammu province, an official spokesman said. Divisional

Stand up against divisive forces: Farooq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah said peoples' unity is crucial for building India and asked them to stand up against the "divisive forces" trying to weaken the country from within.

Abdullah made these remarks while addressing an event to celebrate the 75th birthday of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Chagan Bhujbal in Mumbai on Thursday.

"Our country is diverse, there is diversity of faiths, cultures and climates. What unites us is our faith. Religion doesn't divide people, it unites. We all together can build India by living with camaraderie, he said, stressing on working towards ensuring unity in the country.

The NC president said there are no external threats to the country, "there are divisive forces within

People should feel as responsible riders, not free riders: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said that it is time for the countrymen to give back to the country, as he called on them to act as "responsible riders" and "not free riders" in the journey of the nation's growth.

Singh said this in his address after launching a website -- 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' (MBKS) -- at an event held at the National War Memorial complex here.

It is our moral and national duty to help families of mar-

tyrs and injured soldiers as "we can never repay what they have done for the coun-



try," he said.

The website will enable citizens to contribute to the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF).

"When we help soldiers or their families, it should not be with a feeling of charity or favour, but with a feeling of gratitude," Singh said.

AFBCWF is a tri-service fund, which is used for grant of immediate financial assistance of ex-gratia to the families of soldiers, sailors, and airmen who get killed or get grievously injured in active military operations, a senior Army official said.

Singh commended the armed forces for always

Gyanvapi case: Varanasi court rejects plea for carbon dating of 'Shivling'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
VARANASI (UP): A Varanasi court on Friday rejected a plea for carbon dating of the 'shivling' claimed to have been found inside Gyanvapi mosque premises, Government Counsel Rana Sanjiv Singh said.

District Judge AK Vishvesha turned down the Hindu petitioners' plea seeking scientific investigation and carbon dating of the 'Shivling', citing Supreme Court directives for its safe keeping so that no tampering can be done. After completion of hearing of the

Tense geopolitical environment could trigger supply concerns for crude, natural gas: FM

■ AGENCY
WASHINGTON : Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday warned that the tense and uncertain geopolitical environment could trigger fresh supply concerns in the winter for critical commodities such as crude and natural gas, but exuded optimism over India's economic outlook on the back of robust macro-economic fundamentals and structural reforms undertaken by the government.

The Russia-Ukraine war has had a far-reaching impact on the global energy

system, disrupting supply industries and entire economies of several nations.

Addressing the Development Committee meeting of the IMF and the World Bank, Sitharaman encouraged the World Bank Group to explore innovative ways to mobilise resources to unleash its capacity as a Knowledge and Solutions Bank, and leverage its global convening power to assist all client countries to the maximum in pursuit of its twin goals.

It has pushed up energy prices for many consumers and businesses around the world, hurting households,

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 30.7°C Min: 17.6°C

Humidity

Max: 77 Min: 63

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 24.0°C Min: 6.4°C

Humidity

Max: 73 Min: 43

Sunset : 18:00 Hours

Sunrise : 06:35 Hours

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Friday said its teams will constantly monitor social media platforms to check fake news in the upcoming assembly polls in Himachal Pradesh and respond immediately as it asserted it will not hesitate in taking criminal action wherever required.

Announcing the dates for Himachal Pradesh assembly polls, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said the panel has "established social media teams to keep strict vigil on fake news being spread during elections. Social media will be monitored constantly and any fake news would be acted upon immediately penal actions can be taken too".

Addressing a press conference, Kumar said keeping in view increasing incidents of "misuse of social media", social media platforms agreed to



Himachal to go to polls on Nov 12; Gujarat announcement later

observe Voluntary Code of Ethics formulated by them in March, 2019.

Citing an example of fake news about EVMs during elections, Kumar said the commission works so hard to conduct free and fair polls and then a particular news comes up and all leads to

all kind of narratives.

"Social media would be monitored. They (teams) all have been directed to respond immediately before its gets the traction... It becomes explosive. And if 30 minutes have gone then there is no point in answering this because damage is done. They have all been asked to be very very vigilant and respond with facts," he said while responding to a question on social media.

He further said teams have been instructed to respond immediately.

"If they can't respond with facts in 15-20 minutes then reply by saying we have seen this we are finding facts and we will come back. So that they join that thing immediately and they break that cycle, before it goes out of hands," Kumar added. On the question of action, the CEC said,

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Tamilnadu : Kanjeevaram Silk Sarees & Designer fancy

Sarees Andhra Pradesh : Dharmavara, Mangalagiri Gadwal, Uppada & Pochampalli Sarees

Pradesh : Lucknowi Chikan, Mulburi, Jamdani, Jamawar Silk & Chiffon

Silk Maharashtra : Designer Dress materials

Punjab : Patiala & Fulkari

Dress materials Orissa : Sambalpuri, Ikkat, Bomkai Sarees

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